SWAMP Quality Assurance Plans – Division of Financial Assistance Use

Projects with ambient water monitoring contracts and grants from the State Board's Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) are required to produce data that is SWAMP-comparable. In order to meet this requirement, these projects must use one of two key Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) documents:

- *Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program* (December 22, 2002)
- *Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program Quality Assurance Program Plan* (September 1, 2008)

The selected SWAMP document is implemented during project design; quality assurance project plan (QAPP) development; and sample collection, handling, and reporting. While the use of either document is acceptable, the State Board strongly encourages the use of the 2008 SWAMP plan for all forthcoming projects. That document is based on its 2002 predecessor, and features:

- A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 scope and format;
- Updated technical information (e.g., measurement quality objectives, sample handling, reporting limits);
- Toxicity testing coverage;
- References to the *State Water Resources Control Board Quality Management Plan*, as appropriate; and
- A user-friendly format that streamlines the development of a SWAMP-comparable QAPP

Questions regarding the selection or implementation of these planning documents can be directed to the contract manger, or to the SWAMP Help Desk (http://mpsl.mlml.calstate.edu/swcompare.htm, 206-525-0491).